



*A Voice For Faculty*

# Capitol Monitor

A Weekly Report on Activity at the State Capitol

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## **An Act Concerning Faculty Representation on the BOR Passes the Senate**

*AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION* to add the vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory committee to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education passed in the Senate on Thursday, April 24 by a vote of 32 to 0 with little discussion. An amendment correcting the total number of BOR members if the vice-chairperson of the FAC becomes an ex-officio member was approved. The next step is for this bill to be voted on by the House of Representatives.

## **Amendment Filed to Delay Implementation of Remedial Ed Bill**

The Black and Puerto Rican Caucus filed an amendment to *AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION AND REMEDIAL SUPPORT* to delay implementation until 2016. Both the bill and the amendment have not yet been called for a vote in the House of Representatives.

## **Republican's Budget Would Reduce Funding for CSU & ConnSCU**

The Republican Caucus presented an Alternative Budget Adjustment at a press conference on Monday, April 21. A press release announcing the budget can be read here, and the Republican Caucus presentation can be viewed here.

In addition to many other things, the Republic Caucus' budget would cut \$45 million from the ConnSCU system and CSU. Read more about the Republican proposal in the *Connecticut Mirror*.

## **Senate Journal 4/23**

*AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE HISTORY OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND FREE MARKET CAPITALISM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM* was passed by the Senate on April 23 by a vote of 25 to 10.

## Files: Week of 4/21

"I support or oppose one of these bills; what should I do?"

1. Write to your legislators! Find them [here](#).
2. Track the bill so you know when public hearings are scheduled.

Please note that once a bill becomes a file it possibly could go to the House or Senate floor within two days to be voted on.

### EDUCATION & HIGHER EDUCATION

File 651: *AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.*

File 654: *AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE ACT.*

File 657: *AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CHET BABY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND AMENDING STATUTES RELATING TO THE CONNECTICUT STUDENT LOAN FOUNDATION.*

File 671: *AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN FOR PARTICIPATION IN A STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT REGARDING DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS.*

File 673: *AN ACT IMPLEMENTING AN I-BEST PROGRAM ON A REGIONAL BASIS.*

## What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the Office of Legislative Research:

1. OLR Backgrounder: Interpreting for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
2. Residential Dock Permitting
3. Lateral Certification of Police Officers
4. "Fire" Police Officers